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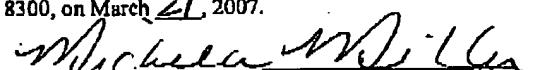
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Applicant : Xia, et al.
Application No. : 10/724,680
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Title : Use of a Cationic Polysaccharide to Enhance Biocidal Efficacies
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Michelle MillerRESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated March 6, 2007, the Examiner required restriction between the inventions in Claims 1-6 and 13-17 (Group I), Claims 7-12 and 19 (Group II), and Claim 18 (Group III). For further examination, Applicant hereby elects Group I (Claims 1-6 and 13-17), drawn to a composition comprising a cationic polysaccharide and an antimicrobial agent, classified in class 424, subclass 488. This election is made without traverse.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing election. Applicant submits that this application is in allowable condition. If the Examiner feels an interview would favorably advance the prosecution of this case, please contact the undersigned at the number shown below.

Dated: March 21, 2007

Respectfully submitted,


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